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H. R. 683

To facilitate the recruitment of temporary employees to assist in the conduct
of the 2000 decennial census of population.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (for herself and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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in the conduct of the 2000 decennial census of population.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Decennial Census Im-
5 provement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Constitution requires that the number
9 of persons in the Nation be enumerated every 10

1 years in order to permit the apportionment of Rep-
2 resentatives among the several States;

3 (2) information collected through a decennial
4 census is also used to determine—

5 (A) the boundaries of congressional dis-
6 tricts within States;

7 (B) the boundaries of the districts for the
8 legislature of each State and the boundaries of
9 other political subdivisions within the States;
10 and

11 (C) the allocation of billions of dollars of
12 Federal and State funds;

13 (3) the Constitution requires that those enu-
14 merations be made in such manner as the Congress
15 “shall by law direct”;

16 (4) in the 1990 decennial census, the Bureau of
17 the Census used a combination of mail question-
18 naires and personal interviews, involving more than
19 350,000 enumerators, to collect the census data; and

20 (5) in 1993, the Bureau concluded that legisla-
21 tion providing that pay for temporary census enu-
22 merators in the 2000 decennial census not be used
23 to reduce benefits under Federal assistance pro-
24 grams would make it easier for the Bureau to hire

1 neighborhood people as temporary census enumera-
2 tors in low-income neighborhoods.

3 **SEC. 3. MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE RECRUITMENT OF**
4 **TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.**

5 (a) PURPOSES FOR WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL
6 NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—Section 23 of title 13,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(d) Compensation for services performed by an indi-
10 vidual appointed by the Secretary to a temporary position
11 for purposes relating to the 2000 decennial census (if the
12 position is so designated by the Secretary, in writing, at
13 the time of such individual’s appointment) shall not be
14 taken into account for purposes of determining either the
15 eligibility of any individual for or the amount of benefits
16 payable to an individual under any Federal, State, or local
17 program financed in whole or in part with Federal
18 funds.”.

19 (b) EXEMPTION FROM PROVISIONS RELATING TO
20 REEMPLOYED ANNUITANTS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF
21 THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.—Public Law 101–86 (13
22 U.S.C. 23 note) is amended—

23 (1) in section 1(b) and the long title by striking
24 “the 1990 decennial census” and inserting “the
25 2000 decennial census”; and

1 (2) in section 4 by striking “December 31,
2 1990.” and inserting “December 31, 2000.”.

3 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act—

5 (1) the term “census” means a census of popu-
6 lation within the meaning of section 141(g) of title
7 13, United States Code; and

8 (2) the term “Bureau” means the Bureau of
9 the Census.

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